

Newport Public Library Board Meeting

January 18, 2012

Minutes

Present: Carol Ruggeri, Ted Smith, Cindy McConnell, Sharon Beardsley, Curt Fewkes, Chip Norman, Lon Brusselback, and Sheryl Eldridge (note-taker)

The meeting was called to order at 5:15, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

Librarians' Report

Ted went to a CRSN meeting and learned that the Waldport, Toledo, Siletz, and LCLD Board chose to go with a different company than Tillamook, Lincoln City and Newport are going with. They will save some money, but using a different vendor will make resource sharing more difficult. Ted sent a list of his concerns to the LCLD Board. There will be increased staff time involved in getting resource sharing working. He suggested they not base their decision on saving a few thousand dollars a year. Right now we get a list of patrons who requested books, we pull the items, and send them to the correct libraries. Under the new system, the requests will have to be placed and processed through interlibrary loan and handled individually, which is more time-consuming for the patrons and for the staff of the sending and receiving libraries. The CRSN libraries are going to overlay their system with WorldCat to show holdings of our libraries. It will find the libraries closest to us, and will allow their patrons to place holds. The other libraries expect their patrons to drive to our library to get our books, instead of placing holds. These patrons will need a new library card from us. If our patrons want a book from Toledo, Siletz, or Waldport, we'll have to do an interlibrary loan request. Our patrons' holds will take precedence over ILL requests. The Oregon Coast Community College is also joining with LCLD. We were subsidizing the smaller libraries, which is why we made the change. Their company did not reply to our RFP and did not meet our criteria. Our system will have automatic dialing, text messaging, or email notifications. Last month we borrowed 2,274 items from other CRSN libraries and lent 2,215. Ted doesn't think our patrons will miss out on much, since other libraries have most of the same items. We will save a lot with this system, so we can purchase more copies of popular titles. The courier will still drive between the libraries. We won't be able to check in items from the LCLD libraries, just box them up and send them in.

Ted went to a City Council meeting last night. They had \$269,000.00 in unused Urban Renewal funds. They are going to award some of the funds to the library for repairs. We have 3 furnaces that are not working, and linoleum will be replaced in the restrooms. We will also install lights upstairs, where it is currently too dark. We'll be getting security cameras inside the building and outside, as well as in the parking lot. RFID doors, which can control and monitor who comes in and when, will be the last priority.

We had a 20% drop in people coming in the door, yet we are busy. We can't be sure that the counters are accurate. We did buy a new counter in the middle of the year. The circulation figures are different because the CRSN IT person changed how numbers are counted. When we go into the new system, we'll have a new set of benchmarks, so it will take another year won't be able to compare numbers.

The first meeting with Innovative Interfaces is tomorrow morning. Tillamook, Lincoln City, and Newport will all come up together. We will check in on two systems for awhile, after we start checking out on the new system. Carol asked if we are still losing books. We don't have an up-to-date inventory, but will do one once we're using the new system.

Newport Reads

Cindy mentioned the poster, for which Justin Atkins and Bonnie Ross posed. We will do a Biz-blurb through the chamber, which is a weekly email that goes out to all the Chamber members. Her column introducing Newport Reads was in the paper today. Cindy will be on Catherine Rickbone's and Bernice Barnett's radio shows. The insert for chamber will be a copy of the poster in black and white. Jennifer Keirans is working on bookmarks, and Marian, Michelle, and Patti are in charge of refreshments. Cindy has prizes for the kick-off; copies of Kesey books and tie-died cupcakes. Sheryl will take care of getting the 800 black and white inserts printed. We will need a lot of help at the kick-off. We'll do a trivia contest, similar to the one Mr. Bill does, on February 28. Doug Hoffman will read the questions.

The meeting is adjourned at 5:50 p.m.